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Continuation-in-part
of application serial number 09/492,223
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)(2)

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Apparatus and Method for Protecting Grounding Electrode Conductors from Overcurrents

the specification of which is attached hereto. This application claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/492,223, filed January 27, 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby appoint Mark Rogers, Reg. No. 34,238, and Gary N. Speed, Reg. No. 37,732, my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith; and I request that all correspondence be directed Mark Rogers, at Speed & Rogers, P.A., 1701 Centerview, Suite 125, Little Rock, Arkansas 72211.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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